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Greater Boston Federal Executive Board  
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building  
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Dear Greater Boston Federal Executive Board and Moakley Family:

I am privileged to nominate Ms. Gretchen Bailey for the Congressman John Joseph Moakley Award for Exemplary Public Service. Gretchen has consistently provided outstanding service to Vermonters during her 17 years in my office.

As the Casework Coordinator, she leads the team of five Constituent Advocates. I never doubt that Vermonters needing information or assistance from a federal agency will get the help they need. She has assisted thousands of Vermonters with issues ranging from expediting a critical case with the Social Security Administration, resolving a problem with a tax refund, or ensuring that an individual understands how to apply for federal benefits. She makes sure that every Vermonter she works with is heard, understood, and provided with appropriate assistance. I have complete confidence that my constituents are in great hands of when they work with Gretchen.

Gretchen wears many hats within the office. She serves as a mentor for other staff, and is always willing to offer guidance, advice, or words of support. She takes care of the many details that allow my district offices to run smoothly.

She has devoted her life to public service. She has 20 years of overall federal service, worked for the City of Burlington, Vermont, and was an attorney at Vermont Legal Aid. In addition, Gretchen serves on the Vermont Commission on Women, an independent non-partisan state commission dedicated to advancing rights and opportunities for women in Vermont. She is also a Vermont Notary Public.

Gretchen strongly believes that government should work for people and in the difference individuals can make in achieving that goal. She consistently demonstrates that the efforts of one person can make a profound impact on the life of another. Gretchen has dedicated her life to this mission.

Thank you for considering Gretchen Bailey for the Congressman John Joseph Moakley Award for Exemplary Public Service.

Sincerely,



BERNARD SANDERS  
United States Senator